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Dear Ms. Hedges:

**CLOSURE OF 305-B STORAGE FACILITY**

Over the past four months, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), Washington Closure Hanford (WCH), and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) have been working with your staff to relocate PNNL's permitted waste storage operations from the 305-B Storage Facility (305-B) to the 331-C Storage Unit. The support of your staff in this effort is greatly appreciated.

Now that these operations have been relocated, RL is formally notifying the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) of its intent to begin closure of 305-B. Washington Administrative Code 173-303-610(3)(c)(i) requires this notification. The receipt of the last shipment of waste to 305-B was completed on March 27, 2006. Closure activities are expected to begin subsequent to Ecology's approval of the revision to the closure plan currently proposed by RL and WCH.

If you have questions or need further information concerning this request, please contact me or your staff may contact Kevin Bazzell, of my staff, on (509) 373-0463.

Sincerely,

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for the River Corridor

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